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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: ZANU ESCAPEES

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1. IN MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER MAPHEVU DLAMINI
JULY 26, I REFERRED TO REPORTED ARRIVAL IN
SWAZILAND OF SOME 14 ZANU (MUGABE) SUPPORTERS FROM
MOZAMBIQUE, NOTING THE POSSIBLE SIGNIFICANCE OF
SUCH A MOVE.

2. PRIMIN REPLIED THAT GOS WAS ITSELF DEEPLY
INTERESTED IN THE REPORT; HE HAD ASKED POLICE
COMMISSIONER TO INVESTIGATE CAREFULLY SINCE THE
PRESENCE IN SWAZILAND OF SUCH A GROUP COULD HAVE
CONSEQUENCES FOR THE NATION'S SECURITY. PM SAID
HE HAD CONCLUDED, FOLLOWING INTENSIVE GOS
INVESTIGATIONS, THAT ONLY GIBSON SITHOLE HAD
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COME HERE. NO TRACE OF THE "OTHER 14" HAS
BEEN FOUND.

3. PRIMIN SAID HE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY
INFORMATION WE COULD PROVIDE THAT MIGHT SHED
LIGHT ON THE EARLIER REPORT; HE PROMISED TO
CONVEY TO US ANYTHING THAT HE HEARD.

4. COMMENT: THERE IS NO REASON TO DOUBT THAT
THE PRIME MINISTER WAS REFLECTING WHAT HE KNEW;
HE SEEMED SINCERE, OPEN AND COOPERATIVE. HIS
CONCLUSION IS SHARED BY UNHCR REP SABITI. THIS
EPISODE IS ANOTHER REMINDER OF THE DIFFICULTY
OF OBTAINING ACCURATE INFORMATION IN A COUNTRY
WHERE THE MEDIA ARE INEFFECTIVE AND GOVERNMENT
ITSELF LACKS MECHANISMS TO ASCERTAIN AND TRANSMIT
ACCURATE INFORMATION.
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